

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: Cuban Affairs Coordinator

QUESTION: In view of the appointment of Mr. Cottrell as Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, can we expect a more aggressive policy with respect to Cuba? What form is it likely to take?

CURRENT SITUATION REPORT:

On January 8 the Department of State announced that Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell has been appointed as Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, and has also been designated by the Secretary to serve as Coordinator of Cuban Affairs.

SUGGESTED POINTS IN REPLY:

I have had established in the Department of State a Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, who will serve as the focal point for the development, coordination, recommendation and execution of United States policies with respect to Cuba.

As to our Cuba policies, they remain as I stated them in my November 20 press conference.